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FOLLOWING REPEAT STOCKHOLM 4819 ACTION SECSTATE INFO USIA BONN  
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SUBJECT: OPINION SURVEY IN SWEDEN FINANCED BY RFE AND RL

1. SWEDISH TV NEWS FEATURE SHOW "RAPPORT" REPORTED  
FRIDAY EVENING THAT SIFO (SWEDISH INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC  
OPINION SURVEY) IS CONDUCTING A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY  
AMONG TOURISTS FROM EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AT  
THE REQUEST OF RL AND RFE IN ORDER TO LOCATE AMONG THEM  
POSSIBLE DEFECTORS. THE ORDER FOR THE SURVEY, ACCORDING  
TO RAPPORT, WAS PLACED BY ONE STEN SAUERBERG ON BEHALF  
OF RFE AND RL WHO HANDLED SIMILAR ASSIGNMENTS IN PREVIOUS  
YEARS WHEN RFE WAS STILL RECEIVING FUNDS FROM THE CIA.  
RAPPORT CLAIMED THAT A DIRECT CONNECTION CAN BE  
ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THOSE "CIA SURVEYS" OF FORMER YEARS  
AND THE SIFO SURVEY NOW IN PROGRESS.

2. TODAY'S DAGENS NYHETER (INDEPENDENT; LEADING SWEDISH  
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MORNING DAILY) CARRIES FROM PAGE ARTICLE SUMMARIZING

RAPPORT STORY AND QUOTING AT LENGTH SIFO DIRECTOR  
HANS ZETTERBERG REJECTING RAPPORT'S ALLEGATIONS  
UNCER HEADING "WE ARE NOT SPIES IN AMERICAN PAY."  
ACCORDING TO ZETTERBERG SIFO HAS BEEN IN CONTACT  
WITH A CONSORTIUM OF INTERNATIONAL RADIO SERVICES,  
INCLUDING BBC, RFE AND RL, WHICH ARE INTERESTED IN  
FINDING OUT ABOUT THE EXTENT OF LISTENING TO WESTERN  
RADIO'S IN EAST EUROPE. SIMILAR SURVEYS, HE STATES,  
ARE BEING CONDUCTED IN SUCH PLACES AS LONDON, PARIS,  
VIENNA, COPENHAGEN. SIFO AGREED, HE SAID, TO CONDUCT  
TEST INTERVIEWS THIS SUMMER AMONG 30-ODD TOURISTS FROM  
POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY IN ORDER TO  
DETERMINE FREQUENCY OF LISTENING TO BROADCASTS  
BY THESE STATIONS. THE QUESTIONNAIRE DEVELOPED BY  
RFE'S HENRY O. HART ALSO INCLUDES QUESTIONS ABOUT THE  
INTERVIEWEE'S PARTY PREFERENCES IF THERE WERE SEVERAL  
POLITICAL PARTIES IN HIS OR HER HOME COUNTRY. SIFO,  
ACCORDING TO ZETTERBERG, HAS TO DATE RECEIVED SKR 5,000  
FOR THESE TEST INTERVIEWS; THEY WILL BE, HE SAID,  
EVALUATED THIS FALL IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER SIFO  
WANTS TO CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH THE CLIENT RADIO  
SERVICES. HE REJECTED THE ALLEGATION THAT THE INTERVIEWS  
COULD BE USED TO RECRUIT AGENTS OR LOCATE POTENTIAL  
DEFECTORS; THEY WERE ANONYMOUS AND THE INTERVIEWEES WERE  
NEVER ASKED TO GIVE THEIR NAMES OR OTHER PERSONAL DATA.

3. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS FULL BACKGROUND INFORMATION  
WHICH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE INFO ADDRESSEES MAY  
HAVE ON ANY EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN US INTER-  
NATIONAL BROADCASTING AGENCIES AND SIFO OR OTHER  
SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS IN SWEDEN.  
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